

REMARKS

I. Status of the Claims:

Claims 1-28 are pending in this application. Of these, claims 1, 10, 18, and 26 are independent. Claims 1, 2, 5-11, 13-19 and 21-28 are currently amended. These changes are believed to introduce no new matter. Thus, entry and consideration of this Amendment is respectfully requested.

III. Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §102

Claims 1-3, and 5-28 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being allegedly anticipated by European Publication 0862313 to Takahashi et al. (“Takahashi”). Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration for at least the following reasons.

Independent claims 1, 10, 18 and 26 recite features in which an image sensing apparatus is set in a power saving mode when an abnormality is detected. An advantage of this feature is that it saves power during times when normal operation does not occur.

Takahashi discloses an image input/output system in which it is checked if a digital image sensing device 117 can remove power supply from a connected cable based on a response signal from a printed 118 in response to a recognition signal transferred from the sensing device 117 to the printed 118. When the printer 118 is disconnected from the sensing device 117, the sending device 117 reverts the power supply from electric power supplied from the printer to a battery, drops a driving frequency of the CPU and reduces the brightness of the display to attain

power savings. However, these changes in Takahashi are not based on an abnormality, but rather different normal states (e.g., the printer being connected, and the and printer being disconnected).

In contrast, the claimed invention does not go into a power saving mode based on whether the image reading apparatus is supplied with electric power from an external apparatus. Instead, according to the claimed invention, a power saving mode is set when an abnormality is detected. Unlike Takahashi, this does not involve from where the image reading apparatus receives its electric power.

Thus, Takahashi fails to teach or suggest the features of independent claims 1, 10, 18 and 26, as well as their respective dependent claims. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that this rejection be withdrawn.

III. Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §103

Claim 4 is rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Takahashi as applied to claims 1, 10 and 18 above, and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,335,805 to Ishiguro et al. (“Ishiguro”). However, Ishiguro fails to overcome the aforementioned deficiencies of Takahashi. Accordingly, withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

Based on the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims and allowance of this application.

AUTHORIZATION

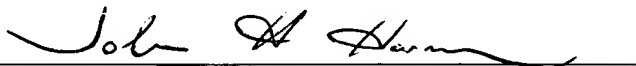
The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required for consideration of this Amendment to Deposit Account No. 13-4500, Order No. 1232-4747.

In the event that an extension of time is required, or which may be required in addition to that requested in a petition for an extension of time, the Commissioner is requested to grant a petition for that extension of time which is required to make this response timely and is hereby authorized to charge any fee for such an extension of time or credit any overpayment for an extension of time to Deposit Account No. 13-4500, Order No. 1232-4747.

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